

PROPOSALS FOR TIMBER, &c. FOR THE NAVY.

NAVY DEPARTMENT.
BUREAU OF CONSTRUCTION, EQUIPMENT, AND REPAIR.
June 24, 1880.

SEALED PROPOSALS, endorsed "Proposals for Timber or Lumber," as the case may be, (naming the yard and class for which the timber or lumber is required, and the date of the first of September next, for furnishing and delivering under contract, at the several navy yards hereinafter named, the timber, lumber, and other articles embraced in this advertisement. One-fourth of the whole quantity required at each of the several navy yards must be delivered on or before the first of September next, or before the first of November, and one-fourth on or before the first of December, 1881. In case of failure to deliver the articles within the times and in the proportions specified, the Bureau or the several commanders to have the right to reject the tender, and to re-engage in the contract, and the contractor and his sureties to be responsible in twice the contract price.

All the above-mentioned timber, lumber, and other articles must be of the very best quality, subject to the inspection and measurement, and in all other respects in conformity to the stipulations and conditions in the printed rules established for the inspection and measurement of timber for the navy of the United States, (copies of which may be seen at either navy yard or at the Bureau of Construction, Equipment, and Repair, in all respects, satisfactory to the commander of the yard or station where delivered.)

Bidders are particularly referred to the instructions in the "printed rules" attached to, in framing their offers.

The white oak timber must be rough squared, according to the growth of the tree, to have no more than one-fourth of the width of the face of the side squared. All the yellow pine and the white oak must be of the best quality of long leaf yellow pine, and to be hewed to a fair edge, and to have no more sap than one-eighth of the breadth of the tree, and to be free from knots of all sap to be excluded in the measurement of the timber. The oak must be felled between the first of October and the first of March, and must have grown within sixty miles of the sea-coast; must be stripped of the bark or hewed within twenty days after it is felled, and must be clear of the ground, of which satisfactory evidence must be given by the contractor, by the production of certificates signed by two respectable witnesses, with their deposits and before a judge of the court or magistrate within the township or county where the timber was felled.

Persons offering for more than one yard or class must make separate and distinct proposals for the supply of each, keeping the classes of articles separate, and embracing all the articles of each class in the class. The cost of each item must be distinctly carried out, and the aggregate of each class correctly stated up, which is material to a fair comparison of bids.

No extension of time for delivery, under any circumstances, will be granted; and penalties for non-fulfillment will be rigidly enforced. Bidders are therefore required to offer for no more than they are sure they can furnish within the time specified.

The price of all manufactured or sawed lumber will be estimated and determined by board measure; the square and round timber, unless otherwise specified, by the cubic foot.

Approved sureties, in the twice estimated amount, will be required in the manner set forth in the contract, and ten per centum in advance will be held from the amount of each payment as collateral security for the faithful performance of the contract. Ninety per centum of each delivery will be paid by the navy agent within thirty days after the presentation of approved bills, in triplicate, by the commandant of the yard where the deliveries are made.

Every offer must be accompanied by a written guaranty (the responsibility of the guarantor or guarantors to be certified to by a navy agent or other official person, or by some one of the Bureau), that, if the offer be accepted, the bidder or bidders will, within ten days after receipt of the contract and the money to be advanced, execute the same with good and sufficient sureties to the terms specified in this advertisement, or which may be embodied in the contract. The law of April 24, 1846, forbids the consideration of all proposals not accompanied by such guaranty.

Bidders are particularly cautioned to **endure their offers** as above required, that they may be distinguished from other business letters, in order to prevent their being opened before the day appointed.

All offers not made in strict conformity with this advertisement in every particular, will be considered as rejected, or, in the option of this Bureau, they may be accepted, and the contract may be awarded without delay.

Persons offering to be employed as agents to execute the same with good and sufficient sureties to the terms specified in this advertisement, or which may be embodied in the contract. The law of April 24, 1846, forbids the consideration of all proposals not accompanied by such guaranty.

FORM OF OFFER.

Sir: I hereby agree to furnish and deliver at the navy yard at _____, in conformity with the requirements of the advertisement by the Bureau of Construction, Equipment, and Repair, of the 24th June, 1880, of _____, (naming the yard and class for which the timber or lumber is required, and the date of the first of September next, for furnishing and delivering under contract, at the several navy yards hereinafter named, the timber, lumber, and other articles embraced in this advertisement. One-fourth of the whole quantity required at each of the several navy yards must be delivered on or before the first of September next, or before the first of November, and one-fourth on or before the first of December, 1881. In case of failure to deliver the articles within the times and in the proportions specified, the Bureau or the several commanders to have the right to reject the tender, and to re-engage in the contract, and the contractor and his sureties to be responsible in twice the contract price.

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FORM OF ENDORSEMENT

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Class No. 26.—White Oak, (per cubic foot.)

Class No. 27.—White Oak, (per cubic foot.)

NAVY YARD, GOSPORT, VA.

CLASS NO. 1.—

30,000 cubic feet of white oak plank stocks, 20 pieces, each 2 feet long, 16 inches wide, 2 inches thick, to be measured by board measure, and to be free from knots, and to be of the best quality.

CLASS NO. 2.—

500 white oak plank, 12 inches wide, 7 1/2 inches thick, to be measured by board measure, and to be free from knots, and to be of the best quality.

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NAVY YARD, PHILADELPHIA.

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